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July 2, 1996

Honorable Jim Costa  
Member of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Possible Project for Inclusion in SB 900 Funding Program

Dear Senator Costa:

The Delta Protection Commission is a regional land use planning agency with authority over the 500,000 acre Primary Zone of the Delta. At the Commission's June 27, 1996 meeting, the Commission reviewed the agenda for the June 26, 1996 Conference Committee hearing and current funding program in SB 900.

The Commission tabled the issue of whether or not to support SB 900 until the final language is prepared. However, the Commission supports including in the final funding program an educational component, in the form of an education and research center. An example of such a center is the proposed Delta Environmental Education Center, a joint project of Contra Costa schools and colleges, East Regional Park District, concerned citizens, and environmentalists.

The Commission respectfully requests your, and the Conference committee's, consideration of including funding for such an education and research project.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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Margit Aramburu  
Executive Director

cc: Conference Committee on SB900  
Delta Protection Commission

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Honorable Richard Rainey  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Delta Protection Commission Support for AB 2193

Dear Assemblyman Rainey:

The Delta Protection Commission voted unanimously to support AB 2193 at its regular meeting on June 27, 1996. The Commission has heard testimony and received information from many members of the public, the recreation industry, and public safety entities about the destructive impacts of the exotic plant *Egeria densa* and the epidemic proportions of the colonization of the plant in the western Delta.

In addition, the Commission expressed its support of full funding of the program to remove and control *Egeria densa*, and the need to aggressively pursue such a program with all necessary technical and scientific resources.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Margit Aramburu', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Margit Aramburu  
Executive Director

cc: Delta Protection Commission  
Diane Shipway